

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method for distributing protocol for the automatic and simultaneous distribution of electronic documents of different formats on the Internet between different users of terminals, the method comprising the steps of that are connected by means of different access networks in the course of a common session consisting of common access to a server dedicated to the said session, wherein the protocol consists in:

a) initializing the said session on the initiative of one of the terminal users, referred to as who is the organizer of the said session and operating an organizer-user terminal, the step consisting in initialization comprising at least, following a connection of the terminal of the said organizer user to the said connecting the organizer-user terminal to a dedicated server,

the organizer drawing-up of a list of surnames, first names, and electronic addresses of other users, the other users referred to as who are invited users,

~~to the said session and the selection of the organizer selecting electronic documents of different formats to be distributed in the course of the said session,~~

b) transmitting, from the organizer-user ~~said organizer user terminal~~ [(),] to the ~~said dedicated server~~, the selected set of electronic documents ~~and to be distributed in their different original formats, accompanied by the drawn-up list of the other invited users,~~ and, at

~~the level of the said dedicated server~~, c) converting each of the selected electronic documents ~~to be distributed~~ into a plurality of ~~successive current HTML pages~~ in a unique HTML format,

~~and putting the said successive pages on line on the Internet site of the said dedicated server,~~ d)

the dedicated server transmitting, by means of the ~~said dedicated server~~, at least to a terminal of each of the said invited user, an terminals, a message of invitation to participate in the ~~said session~~, the ~~said invitation message concerning a session~~, the invitation message comprising at least the an address of the site of the said dedicated server and the a date and the a time,

based on the invitation message, each of the invited user terminals connecting to the dedicated server for the session on the date and at the time, by using the address of the dedicated server, and

~~of the said session and, following the connection of at least one of the said organizer and/or invited user terminals to the said dedicated server during the said session, e) conditionally authorizing, access of for each of the said connected user terminal, an access to said plurality of HTML pages in the unique HTML format terminals to the plurality of successive current pages on line.~~

2. (currently amended) A protocol method according to Claim 1, wherein the said further comprising the step of:

~~the organizer communicating to consisting in initialization further comprises the communication to the said dedicated server of general information concerning the session.~~

3. (currently amended) A protocol method according to Claim 1, further comprising the said step of:

~~consisting in initialization further comprises the attribution by the organizer user of specific rights of action to each of the said invited user terminals, the said specific rights of action comprising at least the right of consultation only or the right of consultation and addition of electronic documents distributed in the course of the said session.~~

4. (currently amended) A protocol method according to Claim 1, wherein the said step of the dedicated server consisting

in authorizing access to the said at least one of the invited user terminals comprises the dedicated server authenticating each user of the connected user terminalsa conditional step of authentication of the said at least one of the invited user terminals with respect to the said dedicated server.

5. (currently amended) A protocol method according to Claim 1, wherein the access of the said invited user terminals to the plurality of HTML successive current pages on line is a synchronized access, so that all the each authorized invited user terminals have whose access to has been accepted automatically and simultaneously displaying the same HTML page, referred to as the current HTML page of the said plurality of successive current pages in the unique HTML format on line.

6. (currently amended) A protocol method according to Claim 5, wherein the said automatic and simultaneous display of the same current HTML page of the said plurality of successive current pages in the unique HTML format on line is controlled on the initiative of each of the organizer and/or the invited user terminals, each user participant in the said session being enabled to control and/or change the current HTML page accessed posted on by each user terminal participating in the said session.

7. (currently amended) A protocol method according to Claim 1, wherein the access by of each of the organizer and invited user terminals to the said dedicated server is executed by each of the said terminals by means of a periodic interrogation of the said dedicated server.

8. (currently amended) A server system for the automatic and simultaneous distribution of distributing electronic documents of different formats on the Internet between different users of terminals, the server comprising:

that are connected by means of different access networks in the course of a common session consisting of common access to a dedicated server, wherein it comprises at least one dedicated server constituting a service platform, the said service platform comprising at least:

- a session organizer module for
i) drawing up, by which, upon a call on the initiative
of one of the terminal users, which is referred to as the
organizer of the said session, enables the said session to be
initialized, the step consisting in initialization comprising at
least, following a connection of the terminal of the said
organizer user to the said dedicated server, the drawing up of a
list of the surnames, first names, and electronic addresses of
the other terminal users, referred to as who are invited users,
to the said session and the selection of the

ii) selecting electronic documents of different formats

~~to be distributed in the course of the said session,~~

- a module for receiving the said selected electronic documents to be distributed and converting them into a plurality of successive current pages in the unique HTML format,

- a module for converting each received electronic document putting the said into a plurality of successive current HTML pages in the a unique HTML format on line at the level of the site of the said dedicated server,

- a module for transmitting messages of an invitation message to participate in the said session to each of the said organizer and invited user terminals to participate in a session, each invitation message comprising at least the address of the site of the said dedicated server and the a date and the a time of the said session, and

- a module for controlling access to the site of the said dedicated server by conditionally authorizing each of the invited user terminal that connects to the server on the date and at the time by using the address of the server, an access to the plurality of HTML pages terminals, the said access control module comprising a module for authenticating every organizer user terminal with respect to the service platform and every organizer and invited user terminal with respect to the said session organized by the said organizer user terminal, respectively.

9. (currently amended) A system according to Claim 8, wherein each invitation message of invitation to participate in the said session to each of the said organizer and invited user terminals further comprises, in addition to the address of the site of the said dedicated server, a password dedicated to the said session and to each of the organizer and the invited user terminals.

10. (currently amended) A method for the simultaneous posting of a current HTML page from user terminals accessing a set of HTML pages on line on a dedicated server, the method comprising the steps of: on each of the terminals of different users that are organized into a set of users participating in the same session, wherein the method consists in:

[[-]] one of the user terminals, referred to as the requesting terminal, transmitting, on the initiative of one of the user terminals, that is the requesting user terminal, to the said dedicated server, a request for the posting one of the said current HTML pages, referred to as the current HTML page,

[[-]] the dedicated server transmitting the said current HTML page from the said dedicated server to the said requesting user terminal,

[[-]] the requesting terminal displaying the current HTML page,

~~posting the said current HTML page at the level of the said requesting user terminal,~~

[[-]] the requesting terminal transmitting, from the said requesting user terminal to the said dedicated server, a message for the simultaneous propagation of the posting of the said current HTML page with respect to the other user terminals participating in the said session,

each of the terminals displaying the same HTML page,
~~transmitting, from each of the said terminals participating in the said session transmitting to the said dedicated server a periodic scanning message comprising a request for confirmation of continued posting of the said current HTML page on each of the said terminals participating in the said session,~~

~~transmitting, from the said dedicated server transmitting to each of the terminals of the said users participating in the said session a response message to the periodic scanning message, the for the continued posting of the said page of an HTML page, this response message of continued posting comprising a reference of the HTML page to be posted, which is identical to or different from the reference of the said current HTML page and, upon receipt of a response message of continued posting comprising a reference of the HTML page to be posted which is identical to or different from the reference of the said current HTML page,~~

when the reference of the current HTML page is identical to the reference of the displayed HTML page, [(-)]
maintaining the posting of the said current displayed HTML page on each of the user terminals participating in the said session, and [,,]

when the reference of the current on receipt of a response message for continued posting comprising a reference of the HTML page to be posted is different from the reference of the said current to the displayed HTML page, and relating to another HTML page, transmitting from i) each of the user terminals transmitting participating in the session to the said dedicated server [,,] a message requesting access to the said other current HTML page, ii) the dedicated server and transmitting from the said dedicated server to each of the said user terminals participating in the session, the said other current HTML page, and iii) each user terminal [(-)] posting, on each of the user terminals, the said other current HTML page, which is subsequently taken as the current HTML page.

11. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 10, wherein, a reference number comprising a unique serial number is attributed to each HTML page of the said set of HTML pages—~~on line~~, the reference number corresponding unambiguously to the an address of the said HTML page on ~~the site of the~~ the said dedicated server, enabling access by each of the said user terminals to be

controlled according to rights of consultation only and of consultation and addition of electronic documents distributed by one of the user terminals, a reference comprising a successive serial number being allocated to each HTML page resulting from the addition of additional electronic documents.

12. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 10, wherein the ~~said~~ periodic scanning messages are emitted by each user terminal participating in the ~~said~~ session within a range of periods of between 3 seconds and 2 minutes.

13. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 11, wherein the ~~said~~ periodic scanning messages are emitted by each user terminal participating in the ~~said~~ session within a range of periods of between 3 seconds and 2 minutes.